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SUBJ: REQUEST FOR CUSTOMS CLARIFICATION ON CANDIED
PEANUTS

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1. CUSTOMS HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT SHIPMENT HAS BEEN RELEASED TO CONSIGNEE, WHO IS HOLDING GOODS PENDING CLASSIFICATION FOR ASSESSMENT OF CUSTOMS DUTIES. SAMPLE HAS BEEN ROUTINELY FORWARDED TO WASHINGTON FOR EXAMINATION AND CLASSIFICATION. THIS PROCEDURE NORMALLY REQUIRES A MINIMUM OF TWO OR THREE WEEKS. IMPORTER IS, HOWEVER, PERMITTED TO SELL GOODS PRIOR TO DECISION.

2. CUSTOMS MUST DETERMINE WHETHER GOODS SHOULD BE CLASSIFIED AS PEANUTS OR AS CONFECTIONARY AND WHETHER DUTY WILL BE 7 CENTS PER POUND ON PEANUTS OR 7 PER CENT AD VALOREM ON CONFECTIONARY. PEANUTS ARE SUBJECT TO IMPORT QUOTA, BUT CUSTOMS INFORMS US THAT QUOTA IS PRESENTLY OPEN. THERE WOULD BE NO PROBLEM WITH IMPORT RESTRICTIONS BECAUSE U.S. GROWN PEANUTS WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO DUTY AND, IF CLASSIFIED AS CONFECTIONARY, THEY WOULD NOT BE SUBJECT TO QUOTA.

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